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SUBJECT: NATO COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE
(COEC): REVISION OF ALERT MEASURES IN CMM-1

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(B) USNATO 12797, 171239 DEC 77
(C) USNATO 299, 111839 JAN 78 (NOTAL)

1. WE CONCUR IN AMENDMENTS TO VOLUME I OF CRISIS
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MANAGEMENT MANUAL (CMM-1) CONTAINED IN AC/237-WP/126
(REF A) AS WELL AS UK ADDITION TO NEW PARA 40 (REF B,
PARA 3).

2. AS SEPARATE MATTER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S
INTERPRETATION OF TERMS "PRIOR APPROVAL BY
THE COUNCIL/DPC" WITH REGARD TO DECLARATION OF SIMPLE

AND REINFORCED ALERT, AND "COUNCIL/DPC APPROVAL" WITH REGARD TO DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT, BOTH AS USED IN THE REVISED PARA 38. OUR CONCERN IS WHETHER NAC OR DPC WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE ITS APPROVAL IN THE EVENT THAT ONE OR MORE NATIONS DID NOT AGREE.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT, ONCE NATIONAL FORCES WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER THE OPERATIONAL COMMAND OF NATO COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED, NATO COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO REACT INSTANTLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH GDP'S OR OTHER APPLICABLE OPERATIONAL PLANS (AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 43). ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT THIS AUTHORITY TO REACT APPLIES ONLY TO FORCES ALREADY UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND? IN THIS EVENT, IF FORCES OF OTHER NATIONS ARE SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED UNDER NATO COMMAND BUT HAVE NOT COME UNDER ATTACK, MUST THE NATO COMMANDER WAIT FOR DPC/COUNCIL APPROVAL OF GENERAL ALERT BEFORE HE CAN COMMIT FORCES UNDER HIS OPERATIONAL COMMAND BUT NOT YET ATTACKED? IN THIS EVENT CAN A NEGATIVE VOTE BY COUNTRY X AS TO GENERAL ALERT OVERRIDE AN AFFIRMATIVE VIEW ON GENERAL ALERT BY COUNTRY Y (ONE OR OTHER COUNTRIES') FORCES ALREADY UNDER NATO OPERATIONAL COMMAND UNTIL THESE ARE ATTACKED OR X (AND ALL OTHERS) APPROVE GENERAL ALERT?

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4. MISSION, IN DRAWING UP RESPONSES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS, SHOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH NON-US OFFICIALS. VANCE

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